

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method for an armature including an arm holding a printing wire, and magnetic circuit forming members attached to the arm, the method comprising:

5 ~~a parts combining process~~ for placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm with a resistive layer of a resistive material ~~having high electric resistance~~ sandwiched between the arm and each of the magnetic circuit forming members, wherein the resistive layers increase an electric resistance between the arm
10 and each of the magnetic circuit forming members; and

~~a welding process~~ for welding together the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members, with the resistive ~~films~~ layers sandwiched between the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members, by spot welding.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~in the parts combining process,~~ the magnetic circuit forming members are ~~respectively~~ mounted on the arm so as to be held by respective opposite side surfaces of the arm.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 1 further comprising ~~a plating process~~ for plating the

arm and the magnetic circuit forming members ~~prior to the parts combining process~~ before placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 3, wherein ~~in~~ the plating ~~process,~~ comprises depositing a nickel film ~~is deposited~~ on the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members by electroplating.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~a carburizing process for~~ carburizing the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members ~~prior to the parts combining process~~ before placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~a parts forming process for~~ forming the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members ~~respectively of different materials,~~ prior to the parts combining process.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 6, wherein the arm is formed of a carbon tool steel, and the magnetic circuit forming members are formed of a silicon steel.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~a part forming process for~~ forming through holes that are used as fitting holes in the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members ~~prior to the parts combining process~~ before placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm; and

~~a temporary assembly process for~~ temporarily assembling the arm and the magnetic circuit forming members by pressing a fitting pin into the fitting holes after placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm and before the welding. ~~the parts combining process and before the welding process.~~

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The manufacturing method according to claim 8, further comprising ~~a plating process for~~ plating the arm, the magnetic circuit forming members, and the fitting pin ~~prior to the parts combining process~~ before placing the magnetic circuit forming members on the arm.